

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SSB 6649

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As Amended by House, March 3, 2010

**Title:** An act relating to driving record abstracts.

**Brief Description:** Streamlining the content and release requirements of driving record abstracts.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators King, Marr, Swecker, Haugen, Tom and Shin).

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Transportation: 1/26/10, 1/28/10 [DPS].

Passed Senate: 2/12/10, 45-0.

Passed House: 3/03/10, 98-0.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** That Substitute Senate Bill No. 6649 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Swecker, Ranking Minority Member; Becker, Berkey, Delvin, Eide, Hatfield, Jacobsen, Kastama, Kilmer and King.

**Staff:** Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

**Background:** The Department of Licensing (DOL) maintains a case record on every person licensed to operate a motor vehicle in Washington. These case records, or abstracts, contain information relating to a person's driving record. Current law restricts the distribution of abstracts to certain persons and uses.

The current abstract statutes are challenging for the reader to follow. As such, the 2009-11 biennial transportation budget directed DOL to submit to the Legislature draft legislation that rewrites the statutes in plain language.

**Summary of Substitute Bill:** The abstract statutes are written in plain language to assist the reader. The bill is revenue and policy neutral.

**Appropriation:** None.

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**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Staff Summary of Public Testimony:** PRO: Thank you for the support you have shown the Superintendent of Public Instruction in the past years regarding the providing of access to the driving records of school bus drivers – this is a step towards safety.

**Persons Testifying:** PRO: Allan Jones, Director of Student Transportation, Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction.

**House Amendment(s):** DOL must indicate in a driving abstract obtained for employment purposes that an individual was not at fault in a motor vehicle accident if the individual provides records indicating that fact. DOL must also indicate the authority which indicates the person was not at fault in the abstract.